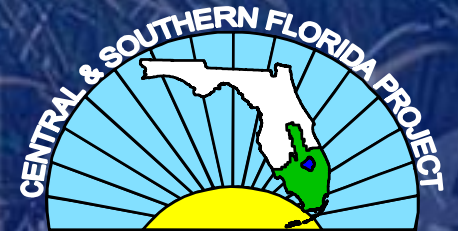


Working Group Update on Hot Topics



June 2003



COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES
RESTORATION PLAN

Indian River Lagoon

Status:

1. Jacksonville Corps Office and SFWMD are working to address remaining questions from Corps HQ's.

Primary Issues:

- a. Inclusion of Natural Storage Areas (90,000+ acres)
 - b. Dependency of restoration benefits on other CERP components
 - c. Real Estate interest needed to support plan.
 - d. WRDA Requirements for PIR and other items.
2. PDT is working to develop Project Implementation Report to address WRDA 2000 requirements not included in Feasibility Report. Public Meeting scheduled for August on draft report.
 3. Anticipate Chief's report in Feb/Mar 04 that will incorporate Feasibility Study into PIR for transmittal to Congress for consideration for WRDA 2004. At this time, the report stands as submitted. Chief may alternate that in his report.
 4. PDT is also working detailed design for overall project.

Southern Golden Gate Estates

Status:

- 1. Jacksonville Corps Office and SFWMD are working on issues identified to date.**

Namely:

- a. Additional modeling to better define maintenance of existing flood protection north of I-75.**
 - b. Refinement of alternative plans to ensure environmental restoration is achieved both within the SGGE area as well as downstream in the estuary.**
 - c. Real Estate interest needed to support plan.**
- 2. This is a PIR and as such will include the WRDA 2000 requirements. Draft report is not ready for release for public comment at this time.**
 - 3. PDT is working to have a final PIR released in time for Congress to consider for inclusion in any WRDA 2004 proposed.**
 - 4. Options to accelerate implementation and restoration are currently being explored.**

IOP/CSOP

Status:

1. Operations under IOP continue with by passing of water from WCA 3a
2. CSOP advisory team charter and membership list being developed by Working Group.
3. CSOP Purpose and Objectives Paper being developed to provide to WG Team as starting point.

Modified Waters

Status:

1. Implementation of plan for 8.5 SMA is continuing.
2. Real Estate:
 - Appraisals being updated prior to offers to sell being sent.
 - Working zoning issues with Miami/Dade for replacement housing
 - Letters to vacate being sent to previously purchased homes
 - Comparable housing within protected area being identified.
3. Design proceeding for S-357, STA, Canal, and Levee. Contract awards in mid 04. Contract for demolition of already purchased homes being developed.
4. Conveyance and Seepage work continuing to incorporate findings into overall project as well as provide base for CSOP
5. Tamiami Trail GRR being finalized.

Water Quality Feasibility Study

Status:

- 1. Jacksonville Corps Office and DEP are working to refine Project Management Plan and reduce time and cost of study.**
- 2. Consideration being given to conducting study in phases. Phase 1 would be identification of existing water quality problems and establishing the base conditions. Phase 2 would look at alternatives to address those problems identified and develop recommended plan.**
- 3. Currently working revision to cost and time based on phasing approach for recommendation.**

Programmatic Regulations

Status:

1. The Army has been working to incorporate summary of issues and concerns and how addressed into the Preamble of document.
2. Expect transmittal to OMB within near future, awaiting OMB guidance on further processing.
3. OMB has up to 90 days to review and consider before taking action.
4. Planning for development of the 6 Guidance memoranda is underway:
 - Format and content of PIR's,
 - Formulation and Evaluation,
 - Content of Operating Manuals,
 - Conduct of assessment activities,
 - Procedures for identification of water to be reserved, and
 - Procedures for identifying potential transfers of existing legal sources.

Initial CERP Update

Status:

1. Verification of new model version is nearly complete.
2. Work on Year 2000 base condition modeling starting with completion in June.
3. Work on inclusion of D13R will then follow in July.
4. This fall, work will focus on the incremental runs over 50 year planning life.
5. Efforts at IMC will include focus on training of new modelers and support for System modeling to PDT's.

Critical Projects

Current Events:

1. 10 Mile Creek – Water Quality Certification resolved, contract advertised.
2. Lake Okeechobee CP – Have advertised and working toward contract award for first part.
3. Lake Trafford – SFWMD considering options to accelerate work and obtain additional design information needed.
4. Tamiami Trail Culverts – Work continuing toward advertisement of contract this fall.
5. Seminole Big Cypress – Phase 1 by Tribe essentially complete. Corps developing contract plans for phase 2.

Corps Budget for FY 03/04

	FY03	FY04
	Conference Amt	President's Request
1. Total C&SF	\$90,000,000	\$112,498,000
a. CERP	\$37,062,000	\$ 39,063,000
2. Kissimmee	\$23,727,000	\$ 17,706,000
3. Critical Projects	\$19,526,000	\$ 14,835,000

Questions?

